

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - APRIL, 1960

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POPULATION ESTIMATESWhole State at 31.12.1959Metropolitan at 31.12.1959

Males - 372,252 Females - 354,237 Persons - 726,489

Persons - 393,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	MARCH				Three Months ended MARCH			
	1960		1959		1960		1959	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	501	8.12	387	6.38	1,474	8.15	1,361	7.62
Births	1,444	23.40	1,303	21.47	4,059	22.43	4,048	22.68
Deaths	442	7.16	424	6.99	1,247	6.89	1,175	6.58
Infant Mortality (b)	34	23.55	29	22.26	91	22.42	84	20.75

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Tuberculosis	2	2	8	6
Malignant neoplasms	87	79	230	217
Diabetes mellitus	9	2	15	10
Diseases of blood, etc.	3	-	5	3
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	49	58	129	154
Diseases of the heart	127	130	360	356
Hypertension with heart disease	7	5	29	19
Other hypertensive diseases	2	5	6	10
Arteriosclerosis	7	7	33	24
Influenza	-	1	4	1
Pneumonia	17	14	45	26
Bronchitis	5	6	15	15
Other respiratory diseases	1	6	10	11
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	2	8	8
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	1	6	7
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	1	1
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	2	8	5
Nephritis and nephrosis	6	3	11	10
Disease of the prostate	3	2	11	9
Maternal causes	-	1	-	1
Diseases of early infancy	23	18	61	50
Motor vehicle accidents	17	8	51	41
Other accidents	12	18	49	63
Suicide	7	7	20	20
All other causes	51	46	132	108
Total:	442	424	1,247	1,175

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April, 1960, totalled 202,053 acres, a decrease of 199,168 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 1,719,693 acres, a decrease of 6,245,803 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1959.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	6,065,845	5,836,153	49,677,256	47,434,018
Revenue per Head of Population	£8. 6. 4	£8. 3. 2	£68.11. 4	£66.14.11
Expenditure	5,231,067	5,183,282	53,585,315	51,557,545
Expenditure per Head of Population	£7. 3. 5	£7. 4.11	£73.19. 3	£72.10.11

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of April, 1960 amounted to £76,201,136 or £104-7-8 per head of population as against £69,259,129 or £96-14-4 per head at the end of April, 1959.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 27th April, 1960, amounted to £19,363,355 compared with £15,358,302 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Transfers	No.	1,587	1,722	17,917	15,880
	£.	3,590,460	3,159,635	31,863,272	26,741,291
Mortgages	No.	1,328	1,401	13,486	12,351
	£.	3,207,637	2,932,973	30,301,742	24,421,898
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,062	1,047	10,589	9,194

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
April 1960	4,185,192	3,123,477	10,792,371	619,895
April, 1959	3,816,865	4,226,709	11,250,555	640,606
Ten Months ended April, 1960	44,198,401	33,576,576	112,287,897	7,107,164
Ten Months ended April, 1959	39,220,781	31,667,455	101,213,874	6,043,080

COMPANIES REGISTERED

272 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £13,812,800 and 120 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended April, 1960. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 196 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,852,852 and 98 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Ten Months ended APRIL					
	1960			1959		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	96	238,564	56,446	96	443,799	92,461
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement(a)	66	213,433	247,362	77	409,512	357,519

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,399,700	1,171,300	11,069,600	9,890,500
Operating Expenses (a) £.	1,314,457	1,232,625	11,473,456	11,027,985
Train Miles Run No.	706,516	663,796	5,983,944	5,673,704
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 92,042	(c) 94,982	(d) 863,792	(e) 855,874
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,015,990	1,133,751	10,519,724	10,832,626
Motor Bus No.	19,875	22,901	196,226	198,885
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	463,695	363,260	3,248,243	2,628,676
Livestock	12,808	9,950	129,257	119,173
Departmental (Free Freight)	37,332	52,503	481,903	535,228
Total:	513,835	425,713	3,859,403	3,283,077
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	70,034,980	58,861,581	503,626,873	429,903,820
Livestock	1,822,716	1,174,722	16,847,762	15,777,825
Departmental (Free Freight)	3,896,773	5,061,314	44,768,932	49,368,144
Total:	75,754,469	65,097,617	565,243,567	495,049,789

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 27th February.

(c) Four weeks ended 28th February.

(d) Period 1st July to 27th February.

(e) Period 1st July to 28th February.

* Figures subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1959 -										
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144
July	479	123	229	-	118	799	176	486	2	176
August	489	109	225	9	76	814	189	487	12	125
September	528	132	249	3	131	828	210	514	4	181
October	578	117	256	1	128	959	207	571	2	163
November	703	112	196	1	138	1,091	207	505	1	194
December	645	113	207	4	169	1,092	218	528	6	217
1960 -										
January	471	75	134	-	123	711	142	326	2	170
February	559	136	204	-	178	903	214	427	7	232
March	632	114	186	7	144	987	199	470	10	177

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
January	79,633	26,120	571	9,464	122,846	67,210	1,102	13,352
February	79,930	26,152	571	9,573	123,988	67,566	1,194	13,538
March	80,399	26,149	565	9,581	125,271	68,301	1,197	13,714

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	3,987	2,839	33,450	35,474	11,287	7,756	91,266	70,187
Interstate	9,876	6,302	89,023	72,019	3,083	1,722	26,847	24,491
Total:	13,863	9,141	122,473	107,493	14,370	9,478	118,113	94,678

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960 - March Qr.	290	749	1,088	3,372	34	323	164	1,950	1,576	6,394

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960 - March Qr.	968	3,104	7	16	380	872	1	1	1,356	3,993

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Quantity	Fine oz.	74,303	76,465	200,789	204,146
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,160,981	1,194,760	3,137,324	3,189,774
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	77,344	77,344	265,144	227,344

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
Metropolitan Area	3000	3162	2986	3111	2770	2869	2758	2832
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3249	3391	3224	3361	2679	2750	2665	2730
Northam	3088	3145	3093	3150	2711	2761	2712	2753
Bunbury	3059	3126	3088	3107	2805	2870	2796	2849
Geraldton	3258	3457	3241	3420	2994	3125	2971	3097
Collie	3146	3281	3175	3247	2528	2599	2533	2575

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959 (cont.):</u>			
April	139.4	45.9	185.3	April	139.8	46.8	186.6
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	139.5	47.1	186.6
June	138.6	45.6	184.2	June	139.5	46.8	186.3
July	138.1	45.6	183.7	July	139.6	46.8	186.4
August	138.3	45.9	184.2	August	139.4	46.7	186.1
September	138.8	46.2	185.0	September	140.2	47.1	187.3
October	139.2	46.2	185.4	October	140.5	47.4	187.9
November	139.1	46.4	185.5	November	140.6	48.0	188.6
December	139.3	46.8	186.1	December	140.3	48.0	188.3
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960:</u>			
January	139.3	46.3	185.6	January	140.3	47.1	187.4
February	139.2	46.5	185.7	February	141.0	48.2	189.2
March	139.7	46.8	186.5	March			

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
January	226	237	241	232	231	229	229
February	228	240	241	235	233	231	232
March	231	242	240	236	234	233	
April	230	243	239	234	233	233	
May	231	242	238	234	230	232	
June	230	239	235	231	228	229	
July	230	238	231	229	229	229	
August	230	239	230	229	229	230	
September	232	241	233	232	230	229	
October	233	241	233	232	232	229	
November	234	243	233	233	231	231	
December	233	242	232	232	231	230	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
2/5/60	14.	6.	4	10.	14.	9	14.	3.	1

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
March, 1960	12,797	2,174	160,901	53,239	12,038
March, 1959	14,296	2,567	140,181	38,203	14,934
9 Months ended March, 1960	156,706	21,312	1,388,345	681,493	133,522
9 Months ended March, 1959	152,238	23,872	1,225,546	692,793	157,101

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
March, 1960	2,393	75	2,738	737	673
March, 1959	2,667	92	2,445	504	776
9 Months ended March, 1960	32,222	818	24,419	9,416	7,350
9 Months ended March, 1959	30,605	933	22,841	9,675	7,931

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
3 Months ended March, 1959	1,372	1,885	609	871	1,981	2,756	23	46	768	1,170
3 Months ended March, 1960	1,596	2,148	652	890	2,248	3,038	23	51	810	1,147
1960 -										
January	525	713	208	283	733	996	8	18	273	376
February	495	671	213	293	708	964	4	12	256	362
March	576	764	231	314	807	1,078	11	21	281	409

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1959									1960			
		Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	25. 4	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0	10. 2	12.10	12. 6	11. 6	11. 2	11. 3	12. 8	14. 0	14. 1
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	39.11	30. 0	27. 8	29. 2	32. 7	40. 3	-	-	-	-	-	34. 6
- Val.	bush.	43.10	-	-	-	25. 6	28. 0	28. 8	28. 4	29. 0	35. 1	38. 9	34. 4	33. 6
Bananas - Local	lb.	11	9	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 1	1. 4	1. 1	1. 0	1. 0	10	11	10
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	18. 4	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2	25. 5	32. 9	38. 6	40. 7	38. 7	44. 3	-	15.10	15. 7
- Other	bush.	29. 9	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9	26.10	29. 5	34. 4	42. 6	49.10	37. 6	24.11	22. 4	24.10
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	24. 2	21.10	17. 3	23.10	27. 0	27.11	-	-	-	-	26. 8	23. 3	22. 6
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.11	38.10	42.11	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33. 0	29. 0	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	31. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46. 2	30.11	36. 3	29. 8	31.11
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.10	27. 8	34. 6	28. 9	26. 5	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	27. 2	28. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 4	28. 4	29. 0	27. 4	26. 7
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate(a)	11.10	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4	5. 2	5. 2	6. 3	7. 6	6. 2	4. 1	4. 7	5. 5	10. 4
Cauliflowers	dozen	17. 7	17.10	9. 9	13. 8	9. 4	16. 5	16. 9	14. 2	-	-	15. 7	19. 1	12.11
Lettuce	crate	8. 5	11. 7	15. 2	9.10	11. 3	13. 4	11. 4	11. 9	6. 0	6.11	9. 4	8. 3	8. 3
Table Celery	doz.head	7. 5	6.10	7. 0	6. 6	6. 9	7. 5	9. 2	8. 7	7.10	6. 8	10. 2	10. 9	9. 5
Beetroot	cwt.	23. 6	19. 4	24. 5	21.10	22. 8	26. 1	24. 1	22. 8	25. 6	20.11	31. 5	27. 2	34. 2
Carrots	cwt.	63. 8	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6	25. 1	28. 6	61. 4	57. 5	23.11	17. 1	19. 0	18. 6	17.11
Parsnips	cwt.	127. 3	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2	45.11	46. 6	44.11	47. 1	46.10	38. 2	35. 5	37. 0	32. 7
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	10. 5	12. 2	12. 6	5.10	4. 4	5. 0	4. 8	9. 3	7. 0	5. 0	6.11	7. 9	11.11
Swedes	cwt.	60.10	57. 1	38.10	30. 3	29. 7	27. 4	29. 6	44.10	49. 9	25. 9	22.10	33. 6	26.10
Runner Beans	lb.	5	11	1. 0	1. 3	1. 3	1. 5	1. 6	9	8	5	5	6	9
Peas	lb.	1. 2	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0	11	1. 2	1. 5	1. 4	1. 8	1. 5
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	4	5	6	6	7	9	10	8	11	6	5	4
Pumpkin	bag	15. 8	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2	29. 6	36. 1	43. 1	60. 6	42. 5	23. 9	17.11	14. 7	15.11
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	14. 9	20.10	19. 8	28. 3	35.11	28. 3	21. 5	18. 2	15. 9	19. 1	18. 6	15. 9	16. 3
Onions (b)	ton	£. s.d. 40. 0.0	£. s.d. 50. 0.0	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. (c)	£. s.d. 55. 0.0	£. s.d. 55. 0.0	£. s.d. 55. 0.0	£. s.d. 60. 0.0	£. s.d. 60. 0.0	£. s.d. 60. 0.0
Potatoes (d)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1959									1960			
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SHEEP													
Suckers	-	-	-	4.10. 5	3.12. 7	2.14.11	2.12. 5	2. 9. 1	-	-	-	-	-
Lambs													
In Wool	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.19. 6
Shorn	-	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4	-	-	2. 1.10	2. 4. 6	2.12. 2	2.18.11	3. 5. 8	3.13. 8	3. 2. 2
Hoggets													
In Wool	3. 7. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9.11
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.10. 7	2.16. 9	2.17. 0	3. 8. 8	-
Ewes													
In Wool	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3	3. 6.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.16. 2
Shorn	-	-	-	1.14.11	1.16. 2	1. 6. 4	1. 3. 4	1. 3. 9	1.11. 3	1.14.11	1.19. 8	2. 5. 8	1.16. 5
Wethers													
In Wool	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1	3.13. 9	2.18. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9. 7
Shorn	-	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8	2. 2. 3	1.14. 6	1.13. 7	1.13.10	2. 2. 0	2.11. 8	2.14. 9	2.17. 3	2. 0.11
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	33.17. 1	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11	36. 7. 1	31.10. 1	29.17. 1	30. 1. 9	30. 0. 9	31.16.10	33.18.11	36. 2. 9	40. 5. 6
Heifers	-	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2	42.19. 9	40. 9. 4	35. 8.10	36. 5. 5	37. 0. 6	38.11. 6	-	43.13. 2	51. 7. 9
Cows	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0	47. 7. 3	45. 2.10	42. 9. 7	44. 9. 3	44.19. 1	47. 8. 9	50. 6.10	53. 8. 5	56. 2. 4
Steers	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8	50. 2. 9	45. 4. 1	44.15. 6	44.17. 4	46. 5. 5	49.13. 8	51.13. 7	53.17. 9	59.16. 8
Bullocks	53.16.11	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-	56.15. 2	51. 7.10	51. 4. 2	52. 2.10	53. 6. 2	-	-	-	69. 4. 0
PIGS													
Slips	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5	7.15. 1	6.15.10	5. 8. 2	6.15. 5	7. 3. 2	7. 1.10	6. 9. 4	6.18. 9	7. 9. 2
Porkers	10. 0.11	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0	11.12. 8	12.13. 0	12. 7. 6	11.14. 7	11.17. 2	11. 4. 3	11.17.10	11.13. 5	11.19. 4
Baconers	15. 4.11	15. 2. 8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11	17. 9. 4	20. 4. 4	20. 5. 9	18.14. 0	18. 9. 2	18. 7. 3	17. 6. 0	16.17. 8	17. 0. 3

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	
1954-55	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1958 - April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,592	480	360	7,049	2,054	1,355	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,532	325	254	5,811	1,877	1,218	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,653	280	228	5,963	1,992	1,279	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,817	313	251	6,353	2,115	1,357	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,833	272	221	6,203	1,850	1,199	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,200	263	210	5,508	1,752	1,131	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January							Particulars not yet available do. do.						(f) 23,721
February													(f) 22,869
March													(f) 23,287

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary estimate.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- Stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	12.6	1.7	3.8	2.4	3.0	1.6	1.7	7.5	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.8	11.2	19.5	18.4	24.9	4.2	10.9	8.6	6.6	5.6	4.8	21.3	164.8	55.3
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.6	4.0	5.9	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.0
1959	7.5	2.9	5.0	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.7
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.8	5.0	5.2	7.1	1.2	3.1	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.7	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.6	1.3	3.3	3.4	2.0	1.6	1.4	5.5	47.8	17.0
March Qr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8(e)	(e)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.6	40.1	13.9
1960	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	45.6	(g)
June Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3(e)	(e)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.5(f)	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.0
1959	7.2	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.1	2.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	6.1	41.9	14.3

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	473	465	4,010	3,884
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	9,746	7,395	75,260	68,174
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	170	104	1,068	955
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,602	2,075	17,976	16,983
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	36,567	24,016	281,270	217,576
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	610	538	4,269	4,098
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup. ft.	16,300	15,706	156,237	156,422
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,401	986	8,118	7,664
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,529	1,077	9,082	9,359
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	4,451	3,970	46,963	43,105
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	51	30	448	491
- 2 piece	"	1,346	1,150	12,691	11,535
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	6,540	4,416	56,642	43,864
- Work	"	15,898	15,969	141,205	112,645
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	49,854	37,827	442,487	431,107
Slippers	"	20,299	15,090	125,541	171,025
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	396	444	3,606	3,445
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	15,107	19,567	167,352	194,418
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	497	586	5,200	5,025
Butter	"	284	179	13,764	11,890
Cheese	"	57	97	2,722	2,168
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	460	845	5,492	5,169
- Sulphuric	ton	21,333	20,330	158,615	147,821
Coal	"	84,666	74,238	673,270	660,703
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh.	79,742	73,800	685,625	648,291
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	118	106	1,047	1,060
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	4,028	2,938	28,945	25,175
- Woven Wire(c)	"	1,143	923	16,126	17,423
- Soft Filled	"	3,095	3,046	26,406	26,072
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	"	82	43	488	339
Pig Iron	ton	4,513	1,864	34,256	14,611
Superphosphate	"	60,451	57,366	439,063	406,000
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,917	2,491	25,518	19,912

- (a) Includes Fancy Bricks, Brickettes, Squints, Bullnoses, etc.
 (b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.
 (c) Includes mattresses made and incorporated in folding beds and stretchers.

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 3rd June, 1960